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In re the Application of:
SHAIKH MEHBOOB ALI

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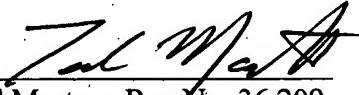
For: METHOD FOR EXTENDING THE LEG
OF A LADDER AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR

Examiner: ALVIN C. CHIN SHUE

Group Art Unit: 3634

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

Dear Examiner Chin Shue:

This amendment is the third amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated 03/07/2005. The first amendment was submitted on 04/05/2005, however on 06/23/2005 the Examiner sent the Applicant a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The Applicant then submitted a second amendment on 06/27/2005 which corrected the cited deficiency in the first amendment by including the text of the withdrawn claims. However, the Applicant has now received an Informality Re. Payment of Fee dated 7/20/2005. In the Examiner's absence, the undersigned discussed this latest PTO paper with Mr. Richard Chilcot. In that discussion the undersigned learned that claims which are withdrawn are still considered to be in the application and therefore subject to excess claim fees. As such, in this amendment the Applicant is changing

the status of Claims 1-12, and 23-25 from "Withdrawn" to "Canceled". This change should remove any excess claim fees. Mr. Chilcot indicated that this third amendment can be submitted without any extension of time charges.

In view of the above, please amend the above-identified application as follows: